

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	DATE	February 03, 2016
MOTOR CARRIER MATTER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DOCKET NO.	2015-39-T & 1994-354-T
UTILITIES MATTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	ORDER NO.	2016-80

THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.

SUBJECT:

Docket No. 2015-39-T – Application of R&E Car Service LLC for a Class C (Charter) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Operation of Motor Vehicle Carrier;

-and-

Docket No. 1994-354-T - Request for Exemption to Section 58-23-80 R. and 103-153.1 Regarding Vehicle ID Markings – Staff Presents for Commission Consideration the Request of R&E Car Service, LLC for Exemption from Reg. 103-153.1 Regarding Vehicle ID Markings.

COMMISSION ACTION:

As requested by the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS"), this Commission considers requests for waiver of placarding requirements for charter vehicles on a case-by-case basis. The issue continues to arise from time to time, in part because of a changing perception of the vehicles used for "prestige service." In fact, last year, following a request for such waiver from DAO Travels, LLC in Docket No. 2011-389-T, this Commission held a workshop on June 25, 2015. I appreciate the time invested by those who participated in the workshop, and I think several good ideas were offered.

R&E's is the first request for waiver we have had since the workshop, and it gives us an opportunity to consider some of the ideas proposed. However, unlike several other waiver requests such as the one from DAO Travels referenced above, the Applicant has not provided this Commission with a rationale for granting its request. Further, ORS opposes it. In the face of objection, and a lack of supporting rationale from the Applicant, I cannot currently support granting the request.

However, some participants at the workshop encouraged us to move toward a definition that would allow flexibility for charter certificate-holders interested in focusing on a "prestige" business model to have the placarding requirement waived for their choice of vehicles. I think there is merit to the idea. So, if a charter company's focus is to have a certain type of clientele -- to target a certain "prestige" niche within the industry -- and it wants to have an absence of placarding because it sees that as something that helps business, then it needs to make that case to this Commission. Therefore, I move that we carry over this request and give the Applicant 30 days to provide substantive support for its request.

PRESIDING:
Hall

SESSION: Regular

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

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RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding

